

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Executive Committee
April 1, 2017 Earlham School of Religion

1. Opening worship

2. Roll Call

Officers

Presiding Clerk: Betsy Neale

Assistant Presiding Clerk: Rex Sprouse

Recording Clerk: Terre Holada

Assistant Recording Clerk: Paul Buckley sends regrets

Treasurer: Wilson Palmer

Assistant Treasurer: (vacant)

Statistician: Frank Huss

Committee Clerks

Adult Young Friends: (no representative present)

Auditing: Veronica Frost sends regrets

Braddock Fund: Wilson Palmer

Budget & Finance: Fred Feitler

Earthcare: Marjorie Isaacs not present

Faith & Practice: Betsy Neale and Rex Sprouse

Naming: (no representative present)

Nominating: Richard Mitchell

Peace & Social Concerns: Richard Mitchell

Personnel: (no representative present)

Religious Nurture & Education: Nikki Coffey-Tousley

Web Administrator: Lonny Burger not present

Yearly Meeting Planning: Terre Holada

Youth Services Committee: David Funck

Quarterly Meeting Clerks

Miami: Veronica Frost not present

Whitewater: Diann Herzog sends regrets

Monthly Meeting Representatives

Bloomington: (no representative present)

Campus: (no representative present)

Clear Creek: Cathy Habschmidt

Community: Deborah Jordan and Frank Huss

Dayton: Nikki Coffey-Tousley

Eastern Hills: Wilson Palmer

Englewood: Kay Wheeler not present

Fall Creek: Diann Herzog not present

Fort Wayne: Fred Feitler
Green Plain: (no representative present)
Lafayette: (no representative present)
Lexington: Richard Mitchell
Louisville: (no representative present)
Miami: (no representative present)
North Meadow: Dinah Duvall
Oxford: Steve Angell and Doug Jones
White Rose: (no representative present)
Yellow Springs: Deb Kociszewski

Staff

Administrative Secretary: Deborah Jordan
Youth Secretary:

3. Friends who had participated in the conference call in February but were not listed as participating, please inform the recording clerk so the February minutes can be corrected.

4. The agenda was reviewed.

5. Audit Committee, Wilson Palmer

- A. The committee met 3/4/17.
- B. Accounts balanced with minor corrections.
- C. Thanks were given to the Treasurer.
- D. The report was accepted.

6. Youth Services Committee

- A. Report is attached.
- B. Jason Dean has resigned.
- C. A friend asked if we can learn from this experience to help retain a person in that position. There was discussion on the conditions of this position as far as hours worked and health insurance.
- D. The report was accepted

7. Survey on OVYM Contributions, Fred Feitler

- A. Discussion focused on the bigger issues and priorities that the survey brought to light, specifically the economic health of the Monthly Meetings and the shrinking membership of OVYM.
- B. Report is attached.
- C. Report was accepted.

8. Treasurer's Report, Wilson Palmer

- A. Updated report is attached.
- B. We anticipate additional donations of \$40,000.00 as is usual for this time of year, so it is not a concern at this time.

C. Yearly Meeting session expenses will appear on this year's budget due to the date change, but the majority and major expenses will be on next year's budget.

D. The Budget and Finance Committee is convened by the Assistant Treasurer. Since this position has been vacant for seven years, the committee has been functioning the best it can.

E. A proposed budget has been prepared this morning at the usual 4th month EC meeting day. Even though there is a proposed negative balance, this is not a concern as the previous year has left us with a reserve.

F. There is not a change for the recommended proportional share of \$120.00 per member.

G. Report was accepted with gratitude.

9. Proposal of the revision of the calendar for the Budget and Finance Committee in the Handbook, report sent by Paul Buckley

A. Dates must be adjusted to compensate for the change of the Yearly Meeting Sessions dates.

B. Step four led to the following discussion in minute 10.

C. The approved changes are attached.

10. A concern was raised about the schedule for EC meetings. Specifically, the viability and Spiritual success of a conference call, the cost of travel to individuals and the environment, the location, dates and number of times the committee meets, the influence this all has on attendance or willingness to serve and the possibility of using software that would use video and audio.

11. Religious Nurture and Education, Nikki Coffey-Tousley

A. Report is attached.

B. Report was accepted.

12. Whitewater Quarterly April 23 at Lafayette. Discussion will be on OVYM organizational donations.

13. Planning Committee, Terre Holada

A. Plans are moving along well. Registration materials will be available soon on the OVYM website.

14. Miami Quarter, Frank Huss

A. Green Plain Monthly Meeting will be laid down after disposition of the graveyard is determined.

B. At the February Quarterly Meeting at Eastern Hills, there was wonderful discussion focused on the discussion of politics. Peter Hardy wrote queries and they are available if Friends would like a copy. Perhaps they could be added to *The Quill*.

15. Friends General Conference is in the process of examining their policies in relation to race and discrimination. There is a lot of support for this. FGC is requesting funds to start this process. Hopefully, the findings of this introspection can help us all.

16. Nominating Committee, Richard Mitchell

A. More members are needed.

B. The clerk wishes to find out what the barriers are to Friends serving. Perhaps there could be some education given on service opportunities.

C. There was a proposal that each Monthly Meeting name a representative to the Nominating Committee. The clerk and Deborah Jordan will communicate this to the Monthly Meetings. The hope is to hear from the clerks of the Monthly Meetings and have a list of names by May 15th. This was approved.

D. The nominating committee will be responsible for drafting an update for the handbook to be brought back to Executive Committee for approval.

E. Monthly Meeting Representatives to Executive Committee should also share this information with their meetings.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee: Conference call, May 20th, 2017 at 10 am.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

Respectfully submitted: Terre Holada, Recording Clerk